

COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
Washington, DC, May 19, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on May 18, 1998 at 3:35 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he notifies the Congress that he has issued a notice continuing the national emergency with respect to Burma.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,  
*Clerk.*

CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY  
WITH RESPECT TO BURMA—MES-  
SAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC.  
NO. 105-253)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the Federal Register for publication, stating that the emergency declared with respect to Burma is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 1998.

As long as the Government of Burma continues its policies of committing large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in Burma, this situation continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force these emergency authorities beyond May 20, 1998.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 1998.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute requests.

DAMAGE IS DONE

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOSS. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the House Committee on Intelligence, I sadly report to my colleagues today that today we are faced with a more dangerous world. The nuclear arms race is on again, and it has intensified. That is a tragedy.

How did it happen? We have reports now that the Indian government has acknowledged that India's concern about Chinese capabilities and Chinese support for Pakistan nuclear development were critical factors in India's decision to proceed with testing. So our national security has been weakened, our children go to sleep less safe tonight.

The administration has much explaining to do about its failed policy, but two steps seem very obvious: first, an appointment of an independent counsel now that there is clear and credible evidence of illegal foreign intelligence participation; and, second, cancellation of President Clinton's scheduled June visit to China, which would only further destabilize the region and intensify the problem.

SPEAKER'S REMARKS WERE  
RECKLESS

(Mr. MORAN of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, last week the Speaker of the House publicly characterized Secretary of State Madeleine Albright as "an agent for the Palestinians."

I realize that there are those in this Chamber who do not feel that the United States should live up to its treaty obligations by acting as an unbiased mediator in the Middle East peace process. But to characterize the Secretary of State in this manner was unfair and irrational.

I understand that it would be best explained as political posturing in an election year, but while we may have grown accustomed to reckless rhetoric when it comes to domestic politics, it is inexcusable to exploit the peace process for domestic political gain.

No lasting peace in the Middle East can be secured by riding political winds in the United States. The people that must determine the acceptability of any peace settlement are those living in the region. It is critical that the administration remain focused on what might be acceptable over the long term to Israelis—to Palestinians and in fact, to all who long for a secure, lasting and just peace throughout the middle east.

I urge the Speaker to retract and apologize for his remarks and to honor America's commitment to the peace process.

CONGRESS MUST INVESTIGATE  
CHINESE POLITICAL DONATIONS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, California businessman Johnny Chung gave \$300,000 to the Democrat National Committee. Chung said he got the money from a member of the Chinese army.

Surprise. This is the same guy Chung who said, my donations are subway tokens for a train ride to the White House. Train ride, folks. How about a free ride? Maybe a joy ride.

Let us tell it like it is. This is not about tokens, coffees, the Lincoln bedroom, Bill Clinton, Democrats or Republicans. This is about national security, folks. And Americans did not give their lives in foreign wars to have the Chinese Communists buy our freedom. Beam me up. Congress must investigate this Chinese connection.

I yield back what national security I have left.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK SINATRA

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, last Thursday, Americans lost a great entertainer. In fact, many would say that Frank Sinatra was one of the greatest entertainers of our time. Indeed, Frank Sinatra loved Nevada, and Nevada loved Frank Sinatra. He was indeed perhaps the greatest entertainer to appear in any Nevada showroom; and, since his passing, many Americans have learned what Nevadans have known all along: Mr. Sinatra's heart was bigger than all outdoors.

Next week in Las Vegas, celebrities from around the world will participate in a Frank Sinatra Las Vegas Celebrity Classic golf tournament. This event will benefit Opportunity Village in Las Vegas, a charitable organization which provides vocational training and continuing education to the mentally disabled.

Frank Sinatra has always opened his heart and wallet to those in need. He did it his way; and, for that, Americans are extremely grateful to this international icon.

OPERATION CASABLANCA

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to compliment our Customs Service, our DEA and our other law enforcement officers for the successful money laundering undercover operation, code named "Casablanca."

An extensive money laundering ring of Colombian and Mexican drug dealers, who have been using dozens of Mexican and American banks to launder and disguise their billions of dollars of ill-gotten gains, have now been broken up. Many individuals have been arrested, millions of assets have been seized, along with tons of illicit drugs.